



A Call for Action on Climate Change

To: Premier, Hon. Daniel Andrews and Leader of the Opposition, Hon. Matthew Guy

I am one of the 80% of Victorians who want to live in a state that is leading on climate change,¹ that's why I will be voting for strong action. Climate change is not just an environmental issue.

Climate change puts our health and lives at risk through extreme heat, increasing risk of infectious disease transmission, impacts on water quality, aggravating allergies and more frequent and intense bushfires and floods, which can cause injuries, death and mental health issues.²

Renewable energy can reduce household bills. Many Australians, such as those on low income, young people and pensioners, are deeply concerned about the cost of living. Research shows that renewable energy targets decrease the cost that households pay for electricity.³

Climate change causes economic losses for Victoria, eg the economic losses due to bushfires are set to double by 2050, increasing to \$378 million per year.⁴

I am specifically calling on both parties to **deliver a climate-focused budget**, including investment in climate change solutions and protection from climate impacts, ensuring liveability and prosperity for Victoria, and making our state a climate leader in Australia and the world.

I want to see:

- 1) **a stronger Victorian Renewable Energy Target;**
- 2) **no further public funding or support for new coal** technology, and maintenance of the moratorium on conventional gas drilling;
- 3) public funds prioritised for **public transport** projects, above roads.

Yours sincerely,

 Signature

 Name

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 Date

¹ Sustainability Victoria 2017, 'Victorian Perceptions of Climate Change'.

² Doctors for the Environment Australia 2016, 'Climate change and health in Australia'.

³ Clean Energy Council 2018, 'Lifting the lid on energy prices'.

⁴ Climate Council 2017, 'Climate Change and the Victoria Bushfire Threat'.